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## TOWN TAXES WILL BE FOUR MILLS LOWER THIS YEAR

The setting of the mill rate for taxation purposes occupied the attention of the members of the town council when they convened in a regular session last week. The mill rate was set at 29 for municipal, 17 for school, and 3 for social service, as against 32 for municipal, 16 for school and 5 for social service in 1940.

By the law to execute, on behalf of the town, an agreement between the town and the Calgary Power Co. altering the terms of the existing franchise agreement as given final readings and passed. The law for replacing the truck licensing by law was also given final readings and passed.

A letter from the Board of Trade was received. The letter suggested that a public meeting be called to decide what could be done to get the town's water system in proper working order. It was the feeling of the council that this matter should be supported by a petition of the ratepayers and upon receipt of it they would be prepared to proceed with plans for the renewal of the system.

A petition was presented by Cam MacLean and the council considered the petition for the prevention of the water accumulating at the corner of Crowfoot St. and 4th Avenue causing the flooding of these properties. It was the opinion that very little could be done in this regard owing to the fact that the buildings in question were too low and should be raised. It was pointed out that the placing of a second culvert across Crowfoot St. would not eliminate the trouble as the water would back up at the culvert on the highway.

A tender for the purchase of the Gleichen Hotel was received and it was not accepted.

A grant of \$25 was made to the Salvation Army for rescue work. Mr. Dingman appeared before the council requesting that the council consider the purchase of a larger house as the one he was living in was too small for his family. This matter is to be investigated.

Councillor J. H. Wright tendered his resignation as councillor due to illness. Nominations will be called for a councillor to fill the vacancy and April 21st was set for the closing date for nominations.

## CAPT. J. A. GRANT TELLS EXPERIENCE IN ERITERIA

A few weeks ago you mentioned in The Call that I could give you a few lines on Aden and British Somaliland with the capital Berbera. I wish to say that what you mentioned about Eritrea on the Red Sea was wrong. I passed through the Suez Canal in December 1908 and came back to Gibraltar in 1901. We came through the Suez Canal on the 17th day of March and the British were wearing the shahamook when we got off for a few hours at Port Said in Egypt to assist orders.

The Boer War was still on then and they were uncertain if we were to proceed home or not. However, there were that we were to go to the Battery, 13 Eastern, at Gibraltar, but all with two years over their time were to proceed home, which was very welcome news after five years on the southern end of the Red Sea, at the great fortress of Aden. At that time, 45 years ago, we had 12 inch guns and howitzers, besides numbers of other caliber and camel batteries. At times there would be expedition into British Somaliland. In 1898 we transported 2000 camels from the Arabian side to Berbera. The motor truck was not heard of at that time so the camel was the ship of the desert. The tribes there are mostly Somali and Arab. The Arab is most of the work especially loading and unloading ships. At that time Aden was the main base of the British Empire and nations called there. The P. & O. Steamship Company, Orient Company, North German Steamship Co. recalled there for Berbera, China, Australia, New Zealand and different parts. The goal had to be shipped in

from Great Britain and return loaded with salt. From there some trans steamers would not get back to England for years. The ships had to be a certain tonnage to get through the Suez with no locks, dredges are miles long in it all the time.

Aden is a great naval base and Italian ships often came there from Assuwa in Eritrea and I can say they were very friendly and I am sure they did not want this fight. Now with regard to water, we had no allowance such day natives carrying it in sheep skin from the condensers, out of the sea, and by camel. Night time was the worst on it. The heat from the sand and rocks was terrible, not a breath of wind. There was hardly a day passed without a funeral and we buried our dead after sundown as there was no twilight. It seemed to get dark at the night time. We had the bubonic plague raging there for three years and the natives died by thousands and the natives died were busy continually. There were some that said: report the dead nor would they take them out of their huts filled by the plague. We were all vaccinated and most of us tattooed. Any who were not vaccinated or tattooed stood a poor chance of surviving if they took the plague. I came away and then came the coma.

Dijibouti is the most talked of town in the Horn of Africa. It is on the principal port for Ethiopia after the bay. Abyssinia, as it was called until 1925, had a population of about 4,000,000 on 300,000 square miles and its southern extremity is only 25 miles from the equator one would expect it to be an excessively hot country. But nearly the whole of Ethiopia is mountainous, all the way from 4000 to 10,000 feet, so only the valleys are hot. All the large wild beasts of Africa are to be found in that country.

The reason British Somaliland was given up to the Italians last year was because it was not worth the loss. I know it would be back in our hands soon.

With our stay in Aden and the G.I. I saw and learned a lot. Mostly every day I saw a man in a white uniform. I was there as a range finder for the heavy guns of the fortresses. I had to have three army certificates of education before I could take a depression and horizontal range finder course. It took four months and I've now always learned how to become a first class gunner. Although when I had the knowledge of one class of heavy gun you can soon get on working the others.

## THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

(By Dan E. Campbell)

Prorogation came Tuesday morning, April 8th, after the legislative assembly closed its business late the previous night. It concluded an intense 32 days of lawmaking, during which 123 bills were passed and received Royal Assent. One bill designed to raise funds to provide a chair of civil engineering by taxing pipelines was allowed to die on the order paper.

Last act of the legislature prior to prorogation was the election of James Hartley, Macleod, as Deputy Speaker. A. J. Hooke, former deputy resigned to devote more time to Social Credit. The latter body is now composed of Mr. Hooke, A. V. Burrier, A. E. Ansley, N. B. James and P. M. Baker.

A move by D. M. Duggan, Edmonton member, to have the Insurance Act postponed was rejected, and the bill safely passed all readings. Under its provisions, the province may now insure life insurance as part of the activities of the government insurance office, which already has reported satisfactory ending of the last two working years. Mr. Duggan was afraid that at some future date the Insurance Act might cause the province to default certain liabilities. Mr. Manning assured him that such would not happen.

During a radio address Hon. W. A. F. Manning, Minister of Public Works, said that it would be a matter of government policy in the future to help municipal governments acquire new machinery for road maintenance. He announced that he and a staff member would tour the pro-

## News Items of Local Interest

Miss Jean Black of Taber arrived in town last week to spend a week visiting her friends.

Mrs. E. W. Taylor left Monday morning for a week's visit to relatives in Okotoks.

Commodore Allen, the Queenstown auctioneer, states that all the auction sales he has held recently have been a wonderful success.

Mrs. Esther Downey of High River is spending the week in town visiting her former school friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Thompson of Calgary spent Good Friday in town visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Fred Jones, who is located at Seebe, spent a day in town last week. Fred found the town looking just the same as ever.

Bert Boon and Frank Michael, who are with the air force in Melkoc, were in the dance here Monday night.

The Gleichen U.F.W.A. held a whist drive at the Shamrock restaurant, which was held at the Shamrock restaurant. The rest of the evening was spent playing the whist. A lovely supper was served by Mrs. McKeever and her helpers.

The Indian weather prophets are right. It is a very dry season and this summer is going to be a dry one. They base their claim on the fact that there is an abundance of snakes. In fact they have not seen so many as some years. As time goes on we shall see. If the Indians can prove whether for this summer any better than the white man.

The Gleichen branch of the U. F. W. A. held their regular meeting on April 10th at the home of Miss Goodwin with 15 members and two visitors present. The roll call was answered by an Easter verse. The secretary read a favorable report on finances from what party. Red Cross funds were discussed. Mrs. Jack Wilson read a paper on "Legislation."

The next meeting will be held April 24th at the home of Mrs. Jack Wilson. The heavy rain Saturday night played havoc with the main highway. A good example of the state of the road was to be seen right in town when a heavily loaded truck, from Medicine Hat bound for Calgary, ran wheel sank to the chassis where it revolved immediately to survey road conditions in order to determine where assistance is most needed during the present building season.

Commenting on the current debt situation in the province, Hon. L. Macynard said prior to the end of the session in the event all other measures failing, the moratorium will be called. This is provided by the bankruptcy law in the event of a default. He said also that the provincial government will carry its appeal on the ruling of Mr. Justice O'Connor that the Debt Adjustment Act is ultra vires, to the Privy Council, and warned creditors that although they might be able to take action against the debtors while the bill was open to question, should the province be upheld their position would then be weakened. He gave it as his opinion that the judgement was not sound in law, adding that it was, then, the debtors throughout Canada would be disastrous.

Any person convicted or interned under the Defense of Canada regulations may no longer hold office on any municipal council in Alberta. This is provided for by an amending bill to the Municipal Districts Act, which passed recently. It was said that a small number of actual cases are known. The bill also provides for the amalgamation of two or more improvement districts or parts thereof to form larger districts. Another part permits a municipal council to tax transient traders.

unfused for some twelve of fifteen years before being extinguished. Hugh James hitched a tractor into it but could not pull it out. Finally Ed. Elliot, the house mover was called in. Ed. set to work to demonstrate to a crowd of townspeople who gathered around the scene, how heavy objects might or should not be handled and shift the tractor soon had the truck free. That night a gaping hole existed right in the middle of the road but warning lights were set to warn the unwary. During the day another hole developed near P. Deshayes garage and by night fall cars were getting stuck in it. It is a calamity repeated that there is no gravel anywhere near town to fill up these holes. During the morning reports reached town that between 25 and 30 cars had been stuck on the highway between here and Strathmore.

The bathing house at the lake, owned by the Board of Trade, is fast becoming a wreck. Given a few more years time with the present rate of disintegration it will disappear entirely. An examination of the place shows every pane of glass broken although the windows are nailed up. Some of the boards on the floor have been torn up; all the doors are broken and the panels on it have disappeared. The concession booth is badly wrecked; the sidewalk leading to the water shows that it had seen better days and even the winger used for wringing bathing suits has been torn up; the stairs leading to the bath are "busted" off; the stairway leading to the band stand on top of the building is gone. Those who are wrecking the place must get a lot of fun out of it. What memories this building brings back to old residents. Before it was moved to the lake it was a Chinese restaurant. The China boy who ran the joint told of the law on a number of occasions by conducting other business besides feeding the hungry. Moved to the lake in 1931, fitted out as a bathing house and given a coat of paint it became a popular resort which lasted for several years. During the first year Gleichen's folk had the most fun in the stand several evenings a week while Gleichen folk strolled on the grass award below or disported themselves in the lake. After a few years the novelty of the lake wore off and interest sank to a low ebb. As the diving board was broken removed and for many other reasons there is no reason to expect that interest in the lake will ever be revived.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST CRAIGANTLER AND DISTRICT

Boy Sheets is at present in the Peace River country. All thought he was going east.

Pete Danworth does not care much for Fort William and is expecting to move east.

Sergt-Major Scotty Ramage, of Kingston, Ont., is on leave for a few weeks and is visiting in the district.

Howard and Mrs. Grant are happy over the arrival of a big baby girl.

Mrs. Grant is a present visiting with Mrs. MacLean of Hamer Hill, who has been very ill lately, but is now making good progress toward recovery.

Harold and Mrs. Sheets and daughter were visitors to Calgary Saturday.

Edward Schriber is a frequent visitor north east of Husar. The going was tough sometimes but it is not so bad now.

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The Easter Monday dance sponsored by the Board of Trade was well attended. The Red Cross will be well ahead financially on the evening's entertainment.

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## THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Great men of history who have left us the legacy of democratic government all seem to have been of one mind, that the preservation of freedom depend to a large degree on the preservation of the freedom of the press. That is why in all truly democratic states a free press is more than just a tradition—it is an essential principle of democracy.

One of the perquisites of autocracy is the abrogation of the freedom of the press because this freedom has essentially, through the centuries, shown itself to be the one great force which has seen to it that the freedom of the individual has been preserved. When freedom of the press is abolished, other freedoms go with it. There is little need at this time to stress that point. There are so many poignant and tragic examples in the world today of a subservient press, that it must be obvious to any intelligent person that the freedom of the press is synonymous with freedom which is democracy.

There have always been those who, often for reasons of personal aggrandizement or lust for power, would rob the press of this precious jewel in the crown of liberty. There have been others who cry out for personal freedom of expression, but who would deny this right to the press. It has been claimed that this freedom can become license, but this is one of those half truths which unthinking people are likely to accept at its face value.

Actually the press enjoys a freedom which gives it no privilege above the individual. It must conform to the laws of the land. Its freedom is bound by the laws of libel and slander. It certainly offers no greater opportunity for defaming any person or institution, than does the inherent right of free speech which every citizen is endowed as a birthright. Abraham Lincoln, in a debate on the constitution once said: "The liberty of the press is the tyrant's scourge; it is the true friend and the supreme supporter of civil liberty." The principle of freedom of the press, as it exists today, is the result of a long and bitter struggle between those who believed in civil rights and constituted authority and those who favored the exercise of these rights.

It is significant that the first amendment to the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution, adopted in 1791, is one that relates to the freedom of the press. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or the prohibition of the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." The very wording of amendment places freedom of the press on the same level, and of equal import with the freedom of religion, of speech, and of assembly.

Many other democratic countries have passed similar legislation, because from a vivid study of the dangers of a subservient press, they have learned that a free press is the best assurance of a free country.

To be fully comprehended, the freedom of the press must be accepted by democratic peoples as a typical example of the privileges they enjoy as individuals in a democratic state. To abolish the freedom of the press, is to invite the abolition of all freedom of the individual.

Saturday afternoon about five o'clock the season's first dust storm struck the district followed a short time later by rain which developed into a fall of heavy wet snow and continued for several hours. Most of the snow melted as soon as it fell but about two inches was to be seen on the ground in the morning. Soon disappeared under the bright sunshine. This mixture was most welcome and the effect on the grass was immediate as a lot of it turned green during the day.

## FROM NURSERY TO NATION

Ten little countries feeling very fine, Adolf called Austria, then there were nine;

Nine little countries—who could know their fate?

Neville went to Munich, then there were eight;

Eight little countries praying hard to Heaven,

Poland answered "No, Sir," then there were seven;

Seven little countries in a fearful fix Hitler rescued Denmark, then there were six;

Six little countries sitting on a hive, Treasures in Norway, then there were five;

Five little countries all abhorring war,

Luxembourg was easy, then there were four;

Four little countries feeling very fine, Hitler rescued Norway, then there were three;

Three little countries feeling very fine, Hitler rescued Denmark, then there were two;

Two little countries feeling very fine, Hitler rescued Norway, then there was one;

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Four little countries, one beyond the sea, Tulip time in Holland, then there were three;

Three little countries feeling very blue,

Belgium said "Heil Hitler," then there were two;

Two little countries standing by the gun,

France disillusioned, then there was one;

One little country standing all alone, Bulldog wears dashawind—

Watch England get the word in process.

From "Boom," the squadron paper of an Eastern Canadian air station.



Dr. K. W. Neely Director, Agricultural Department North-West Line Elevator Association

Croping Methods

Your weeks ago we asked the question: "Will prairie soils wear out?"

We answered: "Yes, unless present methods of crop production are altered."

Since the announcement of the Dominion Government Wheat Policy for 1941, it is apparent that our cropping methods will be altered. I have suggested on several occasions that the war, and the embarrassing waste carry-over from which the war is largely responsible, might well force us to change our farming practices.

By that I mean practices which will be better for the land, and which will check the wearing out process.

It is most unfortunate that steps were taken last fall to prevent the exportation to the United States of the bulk of our 1940 stored crop. Had this been done, we could have undertaken a real soil conservation programme. Instead, government funds which might have been devoted to grass studies will largely be used for increased amending.

Extensive increases in summer-fallow acreage will inevitably aggravate soil drifting and water erosion problems unless extreme care is taken in tillage operations. Now, as never before, the information available at Dominion Experimental Stations should be consulted.

Weed control, feed reserves and soil conservation should be our headlines this season.

We are raising more livestock. Let's put the manure where it belongs—on the land.

## LIST OF SOLDIERS ENLISTED FROM THIS DISTRICT

H. Boos.

R. Reddell.

H. Davenport.

J. McMillan.

C. Klenz.

Major W. E. Taylor, 109 Bat. R.C.A.

Major R. Dodgson, M.M., O.C., Anti-Aircraft Battery.

Lieut. J. Cook, 109 Bat. R.C.A.

C. W. Phillips, R.C.H.A.

W. Hui, R.C.H.A.

U. Bogatie, R.C.H.A.

W. E. Bogatie, R.C.H.A.

W. Hui, R.C.H.A.

W. Schmidt, R.C.S.C.

Geo. Souter, R.C.A.S.C.

U. Anglin, R.C.A.S.C.

A. Fossick, R.C.A.S.C.

U. Bogatie, R.C.A.S.C.

C. Gregory, R.C.A.S.C.

A. Guittrath, R.C.A.S.C.

L. Woods, R.C.A.

K. Hui, R.C.A.

K. Bueh, R.C.A.

J. Walker, R.A.F.

S. Guittrath, Calgary Highlanders.

A. Guittrath, Calgary Highlanders.

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J. W. Desjardins, R.C.A.

C. Melough, R.C.O.G.

J. Walker, R.A.F.

James Plant, R.A.F.

O. Bremner, R.C.A.M.C.

H. Jones, Engineers

C. F. Evans, R.C.A.F.

C. Melough, R.C.A.F.

A. Melough, R.C.A.F.

J. House, R.C.A.F.

A. Clifford, R.C.A.F.

F. Mitchell, R.C.A.F.

A. Riddell, R.C.A.F.

L. Woods, R.C.A.F.

L. Gilbert, R.C.A.F.

J. W. Nicholas, R.C.A.F.

E. Daw, R.C.A.F.

K. Waite, R.C.A.F.

J. Richards, R.C.A.

T. Dankworth, R.C.A.

M. Moss, R.C.A.

T. Dorney, R.C.A.M.C.

G. Bogatie, R.C.A.S.C.

J. Grant Petrol Co., R.C.A.S.C.

B. Sheets, R.C.A.S.C.

J. Sheets, R.C.A.S.C.

R. Fairburn R.C. Navy.

W. Thornburn, R.C. Navy.

A. Bremner, Frost Co.

R. Moss, R.E.

P. Moss, R.E.

M. Moss, R.C.S.C.

W. Service, Home Guard.

W. J. Jones, Home Guard.

Enlisted in 22nd-78th Battery, R.C.

R. E. Lester

R. C. Clifford

H. T. Woods

M. W. Murray

W. E. Murray

V. E. Jennings

L. R. Thornburn

N. H. Prestwich

R. Taylor

S. Bavalash

S. Brown

O. Engstrom

G. V. Newell

L. Davenport

J. G. Neil

QUEENSTOWN ENLISTMENT

W. Osler, Jr., R.C.A.

W. Payne, R.C.A.

G. S. Brown, R.C.A.

Tom James, R.C.A.

K. McLaughlin, R.C.A.

S. McMillan, R.C.A.

O. Labl, R.C.A.

E. Kingmitch

John Schults, R.C.A.

John James, R.C.A.S.C.

D. Clemmons, R.C.O.C.

W. Strum, R.C.O.C.

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